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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion of Projects on Population for the Soviet Union and Satellites

1. A meeting was called on this day by OIC to discuss related projects, sponsored by the Agency and the Air Force respectively, concerning population characteristics of the Soviet Union and its Satellites.

2. Present at the meeting were:

Mr. W. Parker Mauldin

Bureau of
the Census

Paul H. Johnstone, Harold G. Carlson
and E. A. Parsons

Dept. of
the Air Force

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3. The following information concerning the CIA project with the Bureau of the Census was made known:

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USAF review(s) completed.

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4. The Air Force sponsored study is concerned with age, sex and occupational breakdowns of urban complexes in certain satellite countries and in the USSR. The Census Bureau project is similar in part to a study being undertaken for the Air Force by the Library of Congress. The Census Bureau study is scheduled to terminate in September, 1954.

5. It is agreed that there is no undesirable duplication between the Agency and Air Force studies in the Bureau of the Census. The fact that Mr. Mauldin is supervising both projects will tend to ensure against undesirable duplication. The possibility of merging the Agency and Air Force projects in the Census Bureau was considered. It was felt, however, that because of uncertainty that the Air Force project will continue after September 1954, any merger of the projects probably should be deferred.

6. Efforts will be made through the EIC and its appropriate subcommittee to keep all EIC members informed about progress on both projects.

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